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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Relationships with the 91st Congress

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1. On this date, Admiral Taylor, Colonel White, Mr. Maury and [] met with the Director to discuss our relationships with the 91st Congress. The following points were covered:

a. Congressional Breakfasts

We will proceed as we did at the beginning of the 90th Congress to invite freshmen Representatives to the Agency for breakfast sessions in groups of approximately fifteen to twenty. These meetings will be informal in nature, there will be no place cards. A briefing on the organization of the Agency and its role in the Governmental structure will be given by the DDCI or the Ex/Dir-Compt. for approximately a half hour. The remainder of time will be spent in a question and answer period. We will plan to have a reasonable number of senior Agency officials present at these breakfasts but will be prepared to have a proportionate number of Agency officials drop out if some of the invited members fail to show. Since there are forty new Representatives, this part of the program conceivably can be accomplished in three sessions.

Senate members will be invited in small groups rather than singly. We expect that friendly members such as Senators Bayh, Inouye and Percy might be helpful in getting these groups together.

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b. Meetings with Committee Chairmen

The Director said he wants to extend an invitation to several of the key House and Senate Committee chairmen to come to the Agency for a breakfast or luncheon meeting. Those to be invited are: Senators Russell, Stennis, Fulbright, Margaret Chase Smith and Representatives Rivers and Mahon. It was decided that an invitation could best be extended by a letter from the Director and the Legislative Counsel is to prepare these letters.

c. Agency Legislation

The Legislative Counsel is currently reviewing suggestions from the various office heads on possible legislative proposals for the coming Congress. These are primarily concerned with the Agency's retirement program. It was agreed that once this process is completed, a decision will be made as to what if any items of legislation the Agency will pursue. The Director made it clear, however, that before attempts are made to have legislation introduced we should obtain the prior approval of Senator Russell.

d. Briefings of Committees

It was agreed that we would not attempt to be placed on the calendars of the Armed Services Committees for routine monthly briefings but would attempt to encourage frequent and periodic briefings through our contacts with Committee staff members.

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e. The Indiana University Incident

Mr. Maury explained that Senator Birch Bayh (D., Ind.) has a lingering irritation with the Agency from what he believes was an unwillingness to have our recruiter stand his ground on the Indiana University campus in the face of student protests, especially, when university officials had agreed to provide him with adequate protection. The Director said that, with the change in administrations, he would be willing to review the Agency's policy regarding on-campus recruitment, if arrangements are discussed and understood in advance. Otherwise, he is unwilling to have our recruiter as the focal point of a confrontation.

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